


REMARKS

In the office action dated October 1, 2001, a restriction was entered between Group I, claims 1-7, drawn to a method of allocating resources and Group II, claims 8-12, drawn to a network server computer. Applicants provisionally elect Group II, with traverse.

Applicants submit that there is a sufficient nexus between the method of claims 1-7 and the network server of claims 8-12 such that a common search and examination would be warranted. However, new claims 13-19, which substantially embody the subject matter of claims 1-8, have been added to more particularly recite a "method for allocating a resource among subscribers in a network computer server system." Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 8-19, which are directed to both a system and a method for allocating resources in a computer system, are properly drawn to a common inventive concept.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable consideration and allowance of pending claims 8-19 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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